

REMARKS

The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences reversed rejections of dependent claims 8, 10, and 11 of the present application, all of which were claims dependent upon claim 1. Applicant has therefore re-written each of claims 8, 10, and 11 in independent form incorporating each claim with claim 1. The body of claim 8 has been combined into claim 1; the body of claim 10 has been combined into claim 1; the body of claim 11 has been combined into claim 10; and the body of claim 1 has been combined into claim 11.

Applicant submits that claims 1, 10, and 11 are in condition for allowance, and claims 3-5, 9, and 19-20 are in condition for allowance as being dependent upon claim 1. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above Application to issue at the earliest possible time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to Client's Deposit Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,



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